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SUBJECT: POLADS AGENDA FOR JANUARY 7

I. STATEMENTS ON POLITICAL SUBJECTS. IF DEPARTMENT HAS PREPARED A WRAP-UP ANALYSIS OF PREPARATORY MEETING OF EUROPEAN CPS HELD IN BUDAPEST DECEMBER 19-21, THIS WOULD BE MOST USEFUL. IF SUCH AN

ASSESSMENT IS AVAILABLE, MISSION WOULD PLAN TO DRAW ON IT IN BRIEFING POLADS. IF DEPARTMENT PREFERS, HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT COULD CIRCULATE SUCH AN ASSESSMENT VIA "NATOWIDE" NETWORK.

II. SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS. INTERNATIONAL STAFF DRAFT: ISD 98 (SECOND REVISE) TO BE CIRCULATED. AT DECEMBER 23 POLADS MEETING FRENCH REP DELIVERED PARIS' DETAILED COMMENTS ON ORIGINAL IS PAPER. COMMITTEE ALSO TOOK NOTE OF U.S. OVERVIEW (STATE 279533) AND U.S. COMMENTS ON FIRST REVISION OF IS PAPER (STATE 279828). COMMITTEE DIRECTED IS TO PREPARE NEW REVISION, WHICH MISSION WILL TRANSMIT TO DEPARTMENT WHEN RECEIVED.

III. PROGRAM OF WORK FOR 1975.

(A) AT ITS NOVEMBER 19 MEETING, COMMITTEE DECIDED TO HOLD A PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION AFTER THE DECEMBER MINISTERIAL CONFIDENTIAL

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MEETINGS ON ALLIANCE POLICY TOWARDS PUBLIC RELATIONS IN TIMES OF CRISIS. THIS DECISION WAS TEKEN IN THE LIGHT OF PARAGRAPH 18 OF THE REPORT ON HILEX 6(1) (SEE DPC/D(74)22 OF SEPTEMBER 23, 1974) APPROVED BY THE DPC ON OCTOBER 23. REPORT DREW ATTENTION

TO LACK OF BASIC ALLIANCE POLICY IN THE PRESS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS FIELD IN TIME OF EMERGENCY AND INVITED THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE TO UNDERTAKE A MORE PRECISE DEFINITION OF ALLIANCE POLICY IN THIS FIELD. MISSION WILL BE REQUESTING GUIDANCE ONCE COMMITTEE DECIDES WHEN TO BEGIN WORK ON THIS ISSUE.

- (B) PROPOSED NATO STUDY OF IMPLICATIONS OF REOPENING THE SUEZ CANAL. MISSION WILL PROCEED AS DIRECTED IN STATE 281230. NO FURTHER GUIDANCE NEEDED AT THIS TIME.
- (C) COMMITTEE TO FAMILIARIZE ITSELF WITH CM(71)1 AND USE OF "NATOWIDE" NETWORK. SEE USNATO 6673 AND STATE 265806. NO FURTHER GUIDANCE REQUIRED. BRUCE

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